Additional fund under National Nutrition Mission

*19. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal for release of additional funds under National Nutrition Mission.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to release the above amount to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fixing of royalty on minerals

*20. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mineral rich States have requested the Central Government for fixing royalty of minerals on *ad valorem* basis;

(b) whether these State Governments have also sought the powers from Central Government to allocate mines of prospective investors;

(c) if so, the complete details in this regard and Government's reaction to the request of State Governments; and

(d) whether Government are considering to formulate a policy document on minerals and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), royalty rates can be revised. Enhancement can only be done once in three years. Royalty rates for 39 minerals are already under *ad valorem* basis. Some States have requested for fixing of royalty on ad *valorem* basis. The High Level Committee has also recommended fixing of royalty rates on ad *valorem* basis. The royalty rates were last